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10 A cosmetic composition comprising a cosmetic base
selected from the group consisting of liquid base, paste
base and powder base, a perfume ingredient, and polyamide
particles wherein the polyamide particles comprise at
least either of the porous polyamide particles of the
following (1) and (2) shows satisfactory shape retention
on human skin, excellent light-scattering properties to
15 diminish abnormal light reflection on human skin surface,
and excellent oil-absorbing properties to effectively
absorb lipid oozing from human body when it is applied to
human skin: (1) spherical porous polyamide particles hav-
ing a number average particle diameter of 1 to 30 μm , a
20 BET specific surface area of 5 m^2/g or larger, a boiled
linseed oil absorption of 200 $\text{mL}/100 \text{ g}$ or larger, a
crystallinity of 40% or higher (measured by DSC), and a
ratio of volume average particle diameter/number average
particle diameter of 1.0 to 1.5, and (2) cylindrical or
25 dumbbell shaped porous polyamide particles having a num-
ber average particle length of 0.5 to 25 μm , a ratio of
particle length/particle width of 3 to 50, a BET specific
surface area of 5 m^2/g or larger, a boiled linseed oil ab-
sorption of 200 $\text{mL}/100 \text{ g}$ or larger, and a crystallinity
30 of 40% or higher (measured by DSC).